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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
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OF HEALTH


AND  
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

1951



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S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

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Senior Sanitary Inspector:

WILKINSON LITTLE, M.S.I.A.,

Cert. S.I. Board,

Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

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Pupil Assistants:

ERIC K. PHILPOT (on National Service from July, 1950).

JOHN BASIL SAWDON.

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Clerk:

JOAN SMITH.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.**

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fifth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District, and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1951. Incorporated in the Report for your information and interest is a summary of the work of the County Health Services in Selby during the year.

The Birth Rate of 16.1 per thousand of population shows a slight increase on the previous year and is rather higher than the rate for the County and England and Wales as a whole.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 31 per thousand live births, although less satisfactory than the 1950 rate, is comparable with the aggregate for West Riding Urban Districts. The national rate of 29.6 is again a record. There were no deaths from maternal causes.

The Crude Death Rate was 15.0 per thousand population and is the highest figure recorded since 1918. Two-fifths of the deaths resulted from diseases of the heart and circulation, and there was a sharp rise from respiratory diseases, which included eight deaths attributable to influenza. The Tuberculosis Death Rate of 0.10 per thousand (one death) is the lowest ever recorded.

The expected epidemic of measles occurred in the early part of the year and accounted for 216 of the 245 cases of infectious diseases notified. There was one death from this cause. No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis were notified.

A figure in the School Health Section calls for comment. 356 children, or approximately 25% of the school population, were found to be infested with head lice. This is a marked increase and is the more regrettable in that it is an entirely unnecessary infliction in these days of quick curative and preventive preparations. Most, but not all of the infested children, are girls, and some of them are old enough to care for their own hair.

One can sympathise with the horrified mother making her first acquaintance with this pest, knowing that treatment will be thorough and supervision afterwards adequate. What of the mother who at one time or another sends all her children to school lousy, and who has to be persuaded or threatened into temporary improvement? Having cleansed the child, how many mothers think of checking their own hair and that of other females in the home?

A few mothers are too mentally defective to be able to care for their children's hair, and in these cases the Health Visitors must assume responsibility for the cleansing. For the others there is no excuse. A persistently lousy child is indicative of an indifferent, indolent and, probably, lousy mother or guardian.

Although the School Health Service will continue by persuasion and education to combat the head louse, it is enlightened public opinion which will ultimately defeat this pest.

I would draw your attention to the Senior Sanitary Inspector's comments on the last page of his report, regarding staff requirements, which I strongly support.

In conclusion I would record my appreciation of your co-operation and that of the Officers of the Health Department and Council, and of the continued assistance of the voluntary workers at the Clinic.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

July, 1952.

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS, 1951.

Area of Urban District ....	....	3,883 acres
Population (mid 1951) ....	....	10,110
Number of Inhabited Houses ....	....	3,059
Rateable Value ....	....	£59,588 (Mar. 1952)
Product of Penny Rate ....	....	£224/15/5 (Mar. 1952)

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.Ds.	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	16.1	15.6	15.8	15.5
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes ....	15.0	13.5	12.7	12.5
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0.10	0.11	0.10	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0.10	0.24	0.24	0.28
Other forms of Tuberculosis ....	0	0.04	0.04	0.04
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)....	2.77	1.90	1.81	—
Cancer ....	2.18	1.89	1.80	1.96
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	5.93	5.10	4.72	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System) ....	1.58	1.86	1.72	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	31	31	32	30
INFANT DIARRHŒA (Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	0	—	—	1.4
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.81	0.93	0.79

### Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.04	Adjusted Birth Rate, 16.8
For Deaths, 0.94	Adjusted Death Rate, 14.1



## BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR TEN YEARS.

### BIRTH RATE

(per 1,000 population)

1951	....	16.1						
1950	....	15.8	1947	....	22.4	1944	....	21.1
1949	....	16.0	1946	....	21.3	1943	....	16.2
1948	....	16.6	1945	....	15.2	1942	....	17.4

### STILLBIRTHS

(per 1,000 total births)

(per 1,000 total births)								
1951	....	18.1						
1950	....	18.1	1947	....	12.9	1944	....	39.4
1949	....	29.2	1946	....	31.3	1943	....	52.3
1948	....	22.5	1945	....	19.6	1942	....	82.5

### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

(per 1,000 total births)

1951	....	18.1						
1950	....	24.2	1947	....	60.1	1944	....	79.8
1949	....	39.3	1946	....	54.1	1943	....	87.2
1948	....	39.0	1945	....	45.7	1942	....	77.3

### TOTAL DEATH RATE

(per 1,000 population)

1951	....	15.0						
1950	....	14.3	1947	....	12.6	1944	....	12.5
1949	....	13.8	1946	....	10.6	1943	....	13.8
1948	....	11.9	1945	....	14.0	1942	....	12.8

### ZYMOTIC DISEASES

(principal notifiable diseases)

1951	....	0.10						
1950	....	0	1947	....	0.10	1944	....	0.09
1949	....	0	1946	....	0	1943	....	0
1948	....	0.10	1945	....	0.20	1942	....	0

### PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1951	....	0.10						
1950	....	0.29	1947	....	0.49	1944	....	0.31
1949	....	0.19	1946	....	0.29	1943	....	0.50
1948	....	0.19	1945	....	0.20	1942	....	0.39

## NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1951	....	0					
1950	....	0	1947	....	0.10	1944	.... 0
1949	....	0.19	1946	....	0.20	1943	.... 0
1948	....	0.10	1945	....	0	1942	.... 0

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1951	....	2.77					
1950	....	1.27	1947	....	1.46	1944	.... 1.54
1949	....	1.73	1946	....	1.96	1943	.... 2.10
1948	....	1.05	1945	....	2.42	1942	.... 2.15

## CANCER

1951	....	2.18					
1950	....	2.34	1947	....	1.66	1944	.... 1.65
1949	....	1.54	1946	....	1.96	1943	.... 2.21
1948	....	2.10	1945	....	2.53	1942	.... 2.00

## HEART AND CIRCULATORY DISEASES

1951	....	5.93					
1950	....	5.37	1947	....	2.34	1944	.... 2.24
1949	....	3.18	1946	....	1.17	1943	.... 2.62
1948	....	3.44	1945	....	2.53	1942	.... 2.26

## INFANTILE MORTALITY

(per 1,000 live births)

1951	....	31					
1950	....	19	1947	....	52	1944	.... 49
1949	....	72	1946	....	41	1943	.... 74
1948	....	34	1945	....	47	1942	.... 62

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 total births)

1951	....	0					
1950	....	0	1947	....	0	1944	.... 0
1949	....	0	1946	....	4.5	1943	.... 10.6
1948	....	0	1945	....	0	1942	.... 10.3

**BIRTHS, 1951.**

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	82	78	160
	Illegitimate	....	1	2	3
			—	—	—
	Total	....	83	80	163
Stillbirths	....	....	2	1	3

**CAUSES OF DEATH, 1951.**

				Male	Female	Total
Measles	....	....	....	1	0	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	....	....	....	0	1	1
Tuberculosis (Other forms)	....	....	....	0	0	0
Cancer	....	....	....	11	11	22
Influenza	....	....	....	5	3	8
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System				8	8	16
Heart Diseases	....	....	....	30	25	55
Other diseases of circulatory system				4	1	5
Bronchitis	....	....	....	11	4	15
Pneumonia	....	....	....	1	3	4
Other respiratory diseases	....	....	....	0	1	1
Nephritis	....	....	....	2	1	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	....	....	....	0	1	1
All other accidents	....	....	....	0	0	0
Suicide	....	....	....	0	0	0
All other causes	....	....	....	10	10	20
				—	—	—
			Total	83	69	152

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.****Causes of Death in Age Groups.**

	Under 1 week	1 to 2 Weeks	2 to 3 Weeks	3 to 4 Weeks	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	TOTAL
Prematurity	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Pneumonia	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
Foetal Asphyxia	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Convulsions	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Measles	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1
	2	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	5



# **CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE** notified during the year 1951.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED							CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
	At all Ages.	According to Age							
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64		
Small-pox ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas ... ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Scarlet Fever ... ..	7	..	2	5	..	..	..	6	..
Typhus Fever ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric Fever ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ “ non-paralytic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	7	..	..	1	5	1	..	..	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Measles ... ..	216	4	104	105	3	..	..	1	1
Primary Pneumonia ... ..	6	..	1	3	..	..	1	1	4
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough ... ..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ... ..	245	6	110	113	4	7	3	2	6

## **TUBERCULOSIS**

### **New cases in 1951.**

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary ... ..	6	1	7
Non-Pulmonary ... ..	0	2	2
Total ... ..	6	3	9

### **Total cases on Register.**

Pulmonary ... ..	27	14	41
Non-Pulmonary ... ..	4	12	16
Total ... ..	31	26	57

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

### Section 47.

No action was required under this section of the Act during 1951.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

(Extract from separate report to the Director of Statistics of the Ministry of Labour on Form 572, 1951).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power	69	33	0	0
„ without Mechanical Power	0	0	0	0
Workplaces ....	0	0	0	0

### Defects.

Particulars	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions instituted
Want of Cleanliness ....	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation ....	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective ....	2	2	2	0
	2	2	2	0

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY, 1951.

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby U.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Urban and Rural Districts combined, or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

### 1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	163
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	85
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	81

### 2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at birth.

				Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	....	6	1
(ii) Born in an institution	....	....	....	4	0
				—	—
Total	....			10	1

### 3. HEALTH VISITING (Selby U.D. and R.D.).

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	45	111	156
Children under 1	....	215	2365	2580
Children between 1 and 5		—	1324	1324
Other cases	....	47	538	585
Ineffective	....	—	—	685
		—	—	—
Total		307	4338	5330

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

(a) Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinics during the year, and who at the date of their first attendance were:

(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	69
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	11

(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinics during the year and who at the end of the year were:

(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	76
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	131

Number of Sessions held:

Selby Methodist School Room	....	....	....	....	50
Total Attendance	....	....	....	....	1689
Average per session	....	....	....	....	33.8

## 5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D. and S.R.D.)	....	1185
Number attending Pædiatric Consultant (at Goole)	3	
Number attending Orthopædic Surgeon (at Goole)	22	
Number attending County Oculist	....	168
Number prescribed spectacles	....	38
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	9
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	390
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	4251
Number of verminous heads	....	356
Tests for mental defect, primary	....	7
Re-examinations	....	6
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	1
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	5

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

	Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	356	—
Skin	0	2
Vision	33	21
Other eye conditions	5	7
Hearing	0	0
Other ear defects	6	2
Nose and throat	14	16
Speech	5	5
Cervical glands	5	3
Heart and circulation	0	4
Lungs	0	2
Developmental	1	2
Orthopædic	9	20
Nervous system	1	2
Psychological	0	1
Other conditions	5	3

## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

**Ante-natal Clinics:**

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	167
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	688
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	49
Average attendance per session	....	....	....	14

**Mothers Confined in Hospital.**

Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	11
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	17
Hazlewood Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	48
Harrogate Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	1
London	....	....	....	....	1
Total					78

**County Midwives.**

There were 81 domiciliary confinements in Selby Urban District in 1951.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Cases	....	....	449
Number of Visits	....	....	13995
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	269
Number of midwives	....	....	11

## 7. HOME NURSING.

Number of new cases	....	....	89
Number of visits	....	....	2787

## 8. HOME HELPS.

There were 3 full-time and 4 part-time Home Helps employed during the year and they attended the following cases:

Lying In	....	30	Expectant Mothers	3
Illness	....	9	Aged and Ill	.... 4



## 9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1951.	Children under 5 years ....	170
	Children over 5 years ....	31
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		201
	Refresher Dose ....	128
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	Total	329

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1951:

Age—Years	0—1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	Total
Number ....	13	106	106	130	143	743	654	1895
Percentage ....	61.41%					100%		85.55%

## 10. MENTAL HEALTH.

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1951 was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship ....	0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision ....	6	2	8
Under Voluntary Supervision ....	0	0	0
On Licence from Institutions ....	0	3	3

## 11. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C. ambulances during 1951:

Maternity cases ....	238
Accident cases ....	310
Other urgent cases ....	236
Journeys made ....	3878
Total patients carried ....	10205
Mileage travelled ....	166151 miles

A large proportion of cases were taken to hospitals in Leeds, Wakefield and York, but journeys were made over a large area of the West and East Ridings.

**CLINICS.**

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Service, and Specialists' Clinics are now held in the Methodist School Room, Selby:—

Monday 10-12: Minor Ailments	...	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer Miss C. M. Richardson
Monday 2-4: Ante-Natal Clinic	...	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer Miss A. Ridsdale Miss C. M. Richardson
Tuesday 2.30-4: Remedial Exercises		Miss E. M. Alderson (physiotherapist)
Friday 10-12: Minor Ailments	...	Miss A. Ridsdale Miss C. M. Richardson
Friday 2-4: Child Welfare	....	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer Miss C. M. Richardson Miss A. Ridsdale

The School Oculist holds eye-testing sessions 3 times a month in the Selby Abbey School.

The Children's Specialist and Orthopædic Surgeon have a monthly session in Goole which is available to the children of Selby. Speech therapy and sun-ray treatment are also available at Goole.

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## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

### Inspection Work, 1951.

Inspections (including re-inspection of dwellinghouses)	1032
Visits in connection with Letting of Houses ....	202
Visits in connection with Verminous Premises ....	33
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease ....	52
Factories inspected ....	33
Inspection of Milkshops and Dairies ....	19
Street work in connection with Milk and Dairies	
Acts and Orders ....	35
Inspection of Food ....	192
Premises used for the preparation and sale of food ....	294
Pigstyes and premises used for keeping of animals ....	6
Tents, vans and sheds ....	33
Water Samples taken ....	9
Water Supply, Inspection ....	35
Rats and Mice Destruction Acts ....	1136
Drains inspected ....	197
Cinemas, Visits ....	36
Other visits, unclassified, interviews, no access, miscellaneous ....	672
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Total Number of Visits ....	4016
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Housing Applicants interviewed in Office ....	904

During the year, 78 notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts, of which number 64 were complied with.

Details of Sanitary Improvements effected as a result of Inspections made and Notices issued under Public Health and Housing Acts :—

#### **Dwellinghouses.**

Roofs repaired and made weatherproof ....	154
Rainwater gutters repaired or renewed ....	35
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed ....	19
External walls repaired ....	28
Fireranges and firegrates repaired or renewed ....	22
Walls plaster repaired ....	28
Ceiling Plaster repaired ....	10
Floors repaired ....	28
Window frames repaired ....	67
Doors repaired or renewed ....	15

Deficient water supply remedied ....	....	....	15
Sinks provided ....	....	....	13
Worn and defective sinks renewed	....	....	11
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	....	....	7
Paving of yards repaired ....	....	....	15

### **Water Closets.**

Roofs repaired ....	....	....	17
Basins renewed ....	....	....	19
Flushing apparatus repaired	....	....	15
Doors Repaired or renewed ....	....	....	12
Seats repaired or renewed ....	....	....	13
Provision of Additional W.C.s	....	....	5

### **Drainage.**

Defective drains repaired ....	....	....	10
Inspection chambers provided	....	....	15
Choked drains cleansed ....	....	....	253
New drains constructed ....	....	....	11

### **Storage of Refuse.**

Defective dustbins renewed ....	....	....	85
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### **Water Supply.**

All houses in the District, except two, have piped water supplied by the Urban District Council. During the year 9 samples were taken and tested, 8 bacteriologically and 1 chemically. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

### **Cinemas.**

No complaints were received during the year, nevertheless, the conveniences were inspected periodically and all defects were remedied.

### **Inspection of Food.**

Food found to be unfit: 19 cwts., and 14 eggs.

Not all unfit food is destroyed, about 80% is collected by pigkeepers and used for feeding purposes, the other 20% is too far gone and has to be destroyed, usually in the furnace at the Baths.



## **Clean Food.**

During the year all shopkeepers selling food of any description were provided with, and asked to place where they could be seen, cards requesting customers to prevent their dogs entering the shops. It is pleasing to observe that most shopkeepers have displayed these cards. Whatever one may think of this, it is now generally accepted that for dogs to enter food shops is an undesirable practice.

One of the most important problems of food hygiene is the one of dirty hands. This does not necessarily mean hands showing visible dirt, it means hands that have not been washed after visiting the toilet. The hands are the most frequent medium through which contamination reaches the food; the establishment of regular hand washing would do much to reduce the incidence of food-borne diseases. In saying this I do not in any way underestimate the importance of clean premises, utensils, etc., but if personal hygiene is neglected all other precautions, however well devised and applied, will fail to afford protection of the food from contamination.

With the object of facilitating the hand washing shopkeepers selling food from premises without running hot water, sinks, etc., have been requested to provide same. The response has been good and eventually it is hoped to see every food shop properly equipped in this manner.

Sweeping of footpaths in the main streets by shopkeepers is still carried on without any thought, apparently, of what happens to the clouds of dust thus raised. Why sweep up the dirt from the footway to send it flying up to and in to your own premises? Surely it would be better to sprinkle water first and sweep afterwards. Again, who wants to breathe in dust? We all want clean, fresh air, not contaminated air.

## **Licensed Premises.**

There are 27 of these in the town. During the year a survey was made of the sanitary accommodation and the washing facilities for glasses.

Where the sanitary accommodation and washing facilities were defective and inadequate, letters were sent to the companies concerned. I am pleased to report that improvements are in hand,



## Rats and Mice Destruction, 1951.

### Rats.

No. of Visits (incl. primary visits and re-visits)	1101
No. of Complaints (Dwellings, Business Premises and S.U.D.C. property) ....	65
No. of Unpoisoned baits laid ....	1095
No. of Poisoned baits laid ....	366
No. of Poisoned baits taken ....	334
No. of Bodies found ....	427
Kill, according to Ministry's formula (for every one body found six undiscovered)	2562

ANALYSIS	Dwelling houses	Business premises	Selby UDC Tips, etc. property,	TOTALS
No. of Visits ....	407	309	385	1101
No. of Complaints ....	36	20	9	65
Unpoisoned baits laid ....	331	318	446	1095
Poisoned baits taken ....	80	65	189	334
Poisoned baits laid ....	89	78	199	366
No. of Bodies ....	126	131	170	427

### Mice.

No. of Visits ....	35
No. of Complaints ....	8
No. of Unpoisoned baits laid ....	68
No. of Poisoned baits laid ....	46
No. of Poisoned baits taken ....	31
Bodies found ....	53

### Sewers.

The sewer system of the town was treated twice. In the first instance a 10% test was carried out to reveal any infested sewer sections. The infested sections were treated, and six months later these sections were again treated; results in both instances were very good. It is difficult to estimate how many rats were killed in the sewers, but the poison takes were very good, indicating that a high proportion of the sewers' inhabitants were wiped out.

### Bondgate and Richard Street Tips.

The above tips were both inspected and treated regularly, with good results, but indiscriminate tipping by tradesmen

and factories in the town make baiting a rather difficult and hazardous task.

It is a significant feature of the rat infestations in dwelling houses that in 90% of the cases the householder is in the habit of throwing out food for the birds, or keeping "swill" in an open container for collection by a pig keeper. The rats are therefore provided with all the food they need, consequently it is no small wonder that they make their residence as near the source of food as possible.

### **Insect Infestations.**

Disinfestations carried out.—Ants ....	....	8
Bedbugs ....	....	1
Flies ....	....	2

### **HOUSING ACTS.**

Herewith find particulars of condemned properties:—

The following Tables show the amount of work which has been accomplished under the Housing Acts since 1912.

### **CLEARANCE AREAS.**

Situation	Number of Houses		No. of Persons Displaced
	Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided	
1. Clarkson's Yard ....	7	7	41
2. Cape's Yard ....	3	3	9
3. St. James' Place ....	9	8	36
4. Ladysmith Yard ....	18	8	37
5. Lee's Yard ....	5	5	19
6. Abbey Yard ....	6	6	19
7. Addinal's Yard ....	2	1	2
8. Ouse Court ....	7	6	19
9. Massey Street ....	5	5	13
10. Lee's Terrace ....	7	5	21
11. Pitt's Yard ....	8	5	21
12. Underwood's Yard ....	8	7	22
13. Middleton's Yard ....	5	5	16
14. Adam's Court ....	5	5	18

15.	Ocean Terrace	....	11	11	37
16.	Swifts' Yard	....	4	4	11
17.	Banks' Yard	....	5	5	13
18.	Flaxley Road	....	2	2	7
19.	Dam Bank	....	4	4	14
20.	Burton's Yard	....	4	4	15
21.	Chapel Yard	....	4	4	15
22.	Bulmer's Yard	....	4	4	18
23.	Waddington Place	....	2	2	9
24.	Wren Lane	....	3	2	8
25.	Water Lane	....	5	3	8
26.	Ullathorne's Yard	....	5	3	27
27.	Kay's Terrace	....	4	3	12
28.	Midge Yard	....	2	2	5
29.	Malt Kiln Yard	....	4	4	12
30.	Simpson's Yard	....	3	3	5
31.	Varley's Yard	....	2	2	5
32.	Lock Hill	....	2	2	6
33.	Dobson's Row	....	7	7	26
34.	Park Row	....	10	10	30
35.	Varley's Yard	....	2	2	4
36.	Adam's Square	....	3	3	9
37.	Brickyard Cottages	....	6	6	17
38.	Church Lane	....	4	4	14
39.	Shipyard	....	2	2	7
40.	Shipyard	....	3	3	8
41.	Simpson's Yard	....	2	2	6
42.	Flaxley Road	....	4	4	10
43.	Millgate	....	4	4	15
44.	Otty's Yard	....	4	4	11
45.	Turner's Square	....	6	6	14
46.	East Common	....	2	2	5
47.	Addinal's Yard	....	4	4	16
48.	New Lane	....	3	3	9
49.	Millgate	....	2	2	5

## INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
Smith's Yard ....	2	0	2	11
Gowthorpe ....	2	0	2	7
Brewery Yard ....	2	0	1	4
Riley's Yard ....	1	0	1	5
Lee's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
Leaper's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Gowthorpe ....	0	1	0	0
Hope Yard ....	1	0	1	7
Prospect Place ....	0	2	1	1
Hodgson's Yard ....	0	1	1	4
Church Lane ....	2	0	2	9
26 Bondgate ....	1	0	1	9
76 & 78 Flaxley Road	2	0	2	6
14 Millgate ....	0	1	1	7
35 New Lane ....	0	1	0	0
126 Ousegate ....	0	1	0	0
11 and 12 Park Row	0	2	1	4
6 Prospect Place ....	0	1	1	3
13 Wren Lane ....	1	0	1	6
4 Pitt's Yard ....	0	1	1	2
16 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
14 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	7
15 Abbey Yard ....	1	0	0	0
34 Flaxley Road ....	0	1	0	2
90 Gowthorpe ....	1	0	0	0
2 Hope Yard ....	0	1	0	5
8 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	1
1 Preston's Yard ....	1	0	0	6
1 Midge Yard ....	1	0	0	3
7 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	2
6 Addinal's Yard ....	1	0	0	3
17 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	4
15 Water Lane ....	1	0	0	6
3 Beaufort Place ....	1	0	0	2
Brickyard Cottage	0	1	0	1
*3 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	3
*4 Hutchinson Yard	0	1	0	2
*19 Westfield ....	0	0	0	7



**Since 1939.**

85 and 87 Gowthorpe	2	0	1	4
2 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	3
4 Church Lane ....	0	1	1	4
69a Wide Street ....	0	1	1	12
1 New Lane ....	0	1	1	7
3 New Lane ....	0	1	1	5
65 Wide Street ....	0	1	1	4
1 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	0	0
2 Haigh's Yard ....	0	1	1	3
10 Shipyard ....	0	1	1	5
8 Market Lane ....	0	1	1	7

\* Undertakings given to make houses fit for human habitation.

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The writing of this part of the Annual Report gives me the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Sawdon for the excellent work he did during his short stay with the Selby U.D.C. Mr. Sawdon commenced duties as a workman in November, 1950, studied hard, and passed the qualifying examination for Sanitary Inspector in June, 1951. As so often happens after qualifications are obtained, the individual soon seeks new pastures, and so Mr. Sawdon left the Selby Urban for Selby Rural on the 12th January, 1952. During his stay it was possible to commence duties it would have been impossible to start without proper qualified assistance, as it is not possible for one inspector to carry out all the duties laid down. What is needed in the Health Department is a properly qualified additional sanitary inspector and this should be given sympathetic consideration at an early date.

It is expected that Mr. Eric Philpot will resume duty in July or August, 1952. He will, however, still only be a pupil assistant and when he qualifies will probably also seek fresh pastures. Quite frankly, I do not think the appointment of pupils solve the staffing problem of your Health Department. No sooner do they become of real use than away they go and one has to start training some other pupil.

I also would pay tribute to the very loyal services given by Miss Smith, her cheerful and tactful handling of callers is all that can be desired; in short, she is a very efficient clerk and I hope she stays with us a long time.

WILKINSON LITTLE,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.



